



## Today in History

*February 8, 1865*

▲ **Gregor Mendel, botanist and monk who pioneered the laws of genetics, read his first scientific paper describing his studies of pea plants**

**1725:** Peter I of Russia, known as Peter the Great, died

**1915:** The motion picture *Birth of a Nation*, directed by D.W. Griffith and considered the first great movie production, had its premiere

**1995:** French scientists published evidence that Stone Age man burned coal as a fuel 74,000 years ago

**2010:** A colony of Galapagos Islands fur seals relocated to northern Peru, the first colony outside the islands